(d) The projected targets for the next 10 years to be fixed after discussing the past history of each unit and generation requirement of Bharat Aluminium Company as it is a captive power plant.

Model Legislation on Power Reform

2817. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister recently inaugurated in New Delhi the Conference of Chief Ministers on "Power Reforms", appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated the 4th March, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of discussion/recommendations made by the Conference pertaining to checking of mounting losses in power transmission, distribution and large-scale thefts of power in many States;

(c) how many States till date signed MOUs with Centre and agreed to float fresh bonds for revival of sick SEBs; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring forward any model legislation on power reforms for guidance of all States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. A Conference of Chief Ministers and Power Ministers was held in New Delhi on 3.3.2001.

(b) The following resolutions were adopted in the Conference, to minimize power theft and transmission losses:

(i) Energy Audit at all 11 KV feeders within next six months and accountability to be fixed at the local level.

(ii) Full metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

(iii) Launching of effective programme for identifying and elimination of power theft in the next two years.

(iv) Current operations in distribution would need to reach break even in two years and achieve positive returns thereafter.

(c) So far the States of Karnataka, U.P., M.P., Haryana, Gujarat,

Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have signed MOUs with the Government of India. In July, 2000, the Government of India approved a scheme for securitisation of dues of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs).

(d) Yes, Sir.

Generating Fund for the Additional 20,000 MW Power Production

2818. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new tariff norms noticed by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission are hampering the addition of 20,000 M.W. Plan of the NTPC; and

(b) if so, how the Ministry is going to compensate the corporation to generate funds for the additional 20,000 M.W. power production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued orders on Availability Based Tariff (ABT), and Tariff Principles and Norms for Central generating stations including the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) on 15th December, 2000 and 21st December, 2000 respectively. The impact of the above orders as indicated by the NTPC will result in substantial reduction in NTPC's internal resources generation and consequently in its capacity addition programme of 20,000 MW by 2012. The total impact as pointed out by NTPC over the next 11 years, i.e. upto 2011-12 will be to the tune of Rs. 18,000 crores.

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) is an independent statutory body created under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998 with powers *inter alia* to regulate tariff of generating companies owned or controlled by the Central Government and to determine by regulation the terms & conditions for fixation of tariff for such generating companies. In exercise of the powers conferred under the ERC Act, 1998, the CERC has issued the aforesaid orders. However, NTPC has filed a review petition with